

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Appln. No.: 09/373,240

Attorney Docket No.: Q55315

REMARKS

This amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated August 26, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 4, 8, 11, and 12 have been objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10 and 13 have been rejected. Claims 4, 8, 11 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10 and 13 have been canceled from the present application. Consequently, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

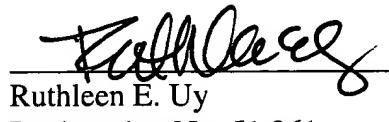
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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